(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, by when a decision in this regard would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) For the State of Uttarakhand, the Government has decided to set-up one Indian Institute of Management (IIM) and one National Institute of Technology (NIT) is under consideration.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Does not arise.

(f) Response from the State Government is awaited.

Helping PTTIs in West Bengal

2200. SHRI BARUN MUKHERJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, for greater interest of thousands of poor and middle class students of Primary Teachers Training Institutes (PTTIs) in West Bengal, the Central Government would extend the Ministry's helping hand to them, instead of only highlighting the State's faults in the matter;

(b) if so, what effective steps Government proposes to take to ameliorate the hardships of about 75,000 students of the PTTIs in West Bengal; and

(c) what the State Government is expected to do at the moment in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) After the judgement of the Calcutta High Court dated 01.10.2008 in the case of Tulsi Baksi and Another *Vs.* State of West Bengal and others in respect of W.P. No. 4107(W) of 2006 the Government of West Bengal has sent a proposal to the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), which is the Competent Authority under the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993 to take appropriate decision in this regard. All efforts are being made by the NCTE in accordance with the extant Rules and Regulations under the NCTE Act and the above judgement.

Regional imbalance in establishment of private institutions

2201. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is regional imbalance in the establishment of private institutions like Engineering Colleges, deemed universities and technical institutions;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and how Government proposes to tackle this imbalance;

(c) how many private institutions exist in the country, State-wise, and how many of them have been given permission during the last three years;

(d) whether Government is aware that most of these institutions lack quality and infrastructure facilities; and

(e) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) In order to mitigate regional disparities in technical education, the Government has made provision for reservation of seats in degree and diploma level technical courses for States/UTs lacking such facilities on other States/UTs where such facilities are available on an adequate scale. Besides, to promote the establishment of new institutions in the North Eastern states, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has relaxed certain norms laid down for approval of new technical institutions.

(c) As per the information furnished by AICTE the number of private engineering institutions approved during the last three years is given in Statement (*See* below)

(d) and (e) The AICTE grants approval for establishment of new technical institutions only after verification of infrastructure facilities through Expert Committee Visits. Extension of Approval for running technical institutions is given on the basis of appraisal of compliance report regarding availability of faculty and other infrastructural facilities, submitted by the institutions.

The Council takes necessary action such as putting under "Reduced Intake" or "No Admission" category against those institutions which violate the major parameter of Norms and Standards depending upon the extent and severity of the violation.

Statement

Number of private engineering institutions approved during last three years (19.12.2008)

Region	States/Union Territory	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1	2	3	4	5
Central	Madhya Pradesh	17	40	33
	Chhattisgarh	0	5	21
	Gujarat	5	2	9
	Total	22	47	63
Eastern	Mizoram	0	0	0
	Sikkim	0	0	0
	Orissa	2	5	19

1	2	3	4	5
	West Bengal	3	1	10
	Tripura	0	1	0
	Meghalaya	0	0	0
	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0	0	0
	Assam	1	0	1
	Manipur	0	0	0
	Nagaland	0	1	0
	Jharkand	0	1	3
	Total	6	9	33
Northern	Bihar	0	1	0
	Uttar Pradesh	12	26	82
	Uttaranchal	3	0	4
	Total	15	27	86
North-West	Chandigarh	0	0	0
	Haryana	3	16	55
	Jammu and Kashmir	1	0	1
	New Delhi	1	1	1
	Punjab	1	1	22
	Rajasthan	1	13	17
	Himachal Pradesh	1	2	1
	Total	8	33	97
Southern	Andhra Pradesh	15	54	199
	Pondicherry	0	1	2
	Tamil Nadu	12	27	77
	Total	27	82	278

1	2	3	4	5
South-West	Karnataka	5	6	14
	Kerala	0	0	3
	Total	5	6	17
Western	Maharashtra	10	12	54
	Goa	0	0	0
	Daman and Diu, Dadar, Nagar Haveli	0	0	0
	Total	10	12	54
	Grand Total	93	216	309

Upgradation of CUSAT

2202. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to convert Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) into Indian Institute of Technology (IIT);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. At present there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to convert Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) into Indian Institute of Technology (IIT).

Delay in setting up IITs in Jharkhand

2203. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for delay in granting permission for setting up of IIT and IIT branches in Jharkhand; and

(b) by when Government is planning to grant approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Government of India has approved the setting up eight new IITs in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh (Indore), Punjab, Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh during the Eleventh Five Year Plan. At present there is no proposal to establish an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Jharkhand.